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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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## 26TH I.W.C. CARRIES RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE

Sister Madge Cyars, Public Relations Directress for the International Women's Convention reported that the convention this year carried more registered delegates than it has in its Twenty-six year History

Atlanta was the site for the 26th Annual Women's International Convention of the Church of God in Christ held May 25-30 at the Atlanta Hilton, Convention Headquarters. Evening sessions were held in Convention Center Auditorium.

A very thorough deliberation was given on the Convention Theme, "Our Heritage as Christian Women in America", from women across the United States and Foreign Countries. There was also a cross-section participation in panel discussions-presenters and reactors as Christian women were challenged to new approaches to their heritage as true Americans.

Bicentennial Celebration the Convention was to be highlighted by the Public Relations Department in a Bicentennial Salute with Mrs. Madge Cyars, Frances Sipes Curtis and Eddy B. Ford on Civic Night, Wednesday, May 26, 1976.

The Convention was hosted by Mrs. Julia Underwood and Mrs. Lydia Hinsley, State Supervisors; Mrs. Gwendolyn Howard, Assistant Supervisor and the Bishop J. D. Husband of Central Georgia.

The tone of the Convention was set by the Pre-Convention Musical on Tuesday, May 25 at 7:30 p. m. under the personal direction of Mrs. Anna B. Crockett Ford and the Musical Committee. Special feature was the Georgia State Choir.

The Official Welcome was given by our hosts Mrs. Julia Underwood, Mrs. Lydia Hinsley,

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As they kept in tune with the



MOTHER McGLOTHEN IN RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

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PRESIDING BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH

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## BISHOP JOHN SETH BAILEY WEDS

The Executive Board of the Southwestern Michigan Diocese gave a most gala reception in honor of their State Bishop's Marriage to Mrs. Iner Ruth who just a few weeks before was united in Holy Matrimony by Bishop O. M. Kelly of New York. Hundreds of well wishers, relatives, and friends from all over the state and different parts of the country filled the recently purchased Bailey Cathedral exquisitely decorated Social Hall; to congratulate Bishop & Mrs. John Seth Bailey who is the State-Bishop of S. W. Michigan and General Board Member of the Church of God In Christ, International. Lawyers, Doctors, Bishops, Civic Leaders and

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BISHOP BAILEY PLACING RING ON BRIDE  
ELD. W. L. HARRIS STANDING AS BEST MAN



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## GUEST EDITORIAL WHO'S CALLED TO PREACH?

by

John Thompson

There is today a doctrine being preached in some of the Churches, of the Church of God in Christ that the laity should be ruled over and the ministers (clergy) should monopolize the ministry of Christ. But I want you to know that is not so, because our Lord declared in Rev. 2:6, 15 He hated the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes (This, is thought, to be the name of an early sect of believers) who believed that the laity should be ruled over and the ministry of Christ, the glorious gospel should be monopolize by the ministers (clergy); this distinction between the ministry and the laity which holds that preaching is reserved for the ministers and confined to them alone is distinctly contrary to the teaching of the Word of God.

There is a sense in which all believers are called to preach the gospel Acts 8:1-4... "And at that time there was a great persecution against the Church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles." Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. When the Lord called and sent His apostles out to preach the gospel, He gave them instructions concerning those who would believe the gospel message. The apostles were told very clearly to go into all the world and preach the gospel of salvation and forgiveness to every creature, St. Matthew 28:20 and St. Mark 16:15, 16 declares plainly that when they made disciples and baptized them, they were to teach these disciples to observe all things whatsoever He had commanded them (Apostles). The command to go into all the world and preach the gospel which came from the lips of Jesus to the apostles was to be transferred on by them to every disciples they would make. This same message holds true today; for every child of God (disciple) is likewise instructed to preach the gospel to every creature.

Saints of God we have empowered by the Lord Jesus through the Holy Ghost to do the same works that He did and even to do greater. St. John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth (continue to believe) on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. Signs are to follow the children of God (Spirit filled believers). Note that St. Mark 16:17 say "These signs shall follow them that believe..." It does not say, "These signs shall follow the ministers" but the promise is to those who would hear and believe the gospel. Thank God for His unspeakable gift, the dynamic promise through the Holy Ghost of "These signs shall follow them that believe..."

The baptism of the Holy Ghost

is a divine anointing for the preaching of the gospel to uttermost parts of the earth. Acts 1:8 say, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses, unto me both in Jerusalem and all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. The Word of God tell us plainly that the baptism of the Holy Ghost was not only for them who where assembled in the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost but... "To all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" Acts 2:39.

Saints of God let us not be fooled by this doctrine which reserves the glorious ministry of Christ for the ministers alone, for the Word God let's us know, those who have been saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost are in endue with power from on high to witness concerning the gospel of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. Not only this, there also comes a clear command from the Lord to us to be witnesses to this glorious gospel which is sent down from heaven through the Holy Ghost. It was not apostles who were scattered when persecution came upon the Church, it was the laity (other disciples); and they went everywhere preaching the word. This plan of every disciple proclaiming the gospel by our Lord resulted in uttermost part of earth (the known world of that time) hearing the glorious gospel message of salvation. Here is a challenge to every child of God (disciple) to obey the Words of our Lord and follow the pattern of our apostolic forebears. Let me state here before going any further, these believers (disciples) in their being scattered aboard did not witness or proclaim the gospel without being directed and lead by the Holy Ghost. It is also true of believers (disciples) today, for us to be effective witnesses (soul winners) we must be directed and lead by the Spirit of God (The Holy Ghost). Romans 8:14 say, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons (children) of God." If our preaching and witnessing have not been motivated by the Spirit (The Holy Ghost) there are no results and our preaching and witnessing have been in vain.

Without contradicting the previous paragraphs, I will make another statement which may appear at first to quite opposite to that just made. I have stated before there is a sense in which all believers are called to preach the glorious gospel of Christ. I now state that there is also a explicit (definite) call to preach (the ministry). The Lord has chosen certain persons (believers) to serve in a definite way to extend the gospel. He has also called each one of us to serve in some capacity as (proclaimer) of the glorious gospel and it is also true that some are especially called to preach. Ephesians 4:11-14 say, "And He gave some apostles;

ANSWERS  
TO  
YOUR QUESTIONS  
by  
Bishop J. O. Patterson  
Presiding Bishop  
Church of God in Christ



Dear Bishop Patterson:

Is there an unwritten law in the Church of God in Christ that gives a bishop's son the right to succeed him into the bishopric?

Dear Reverend Jones:

In answer to your question concerning an unwritten law for one to succeed his father as a bishop my answer is, there is not. However, I don't feel that a qualified bishop's son should be penalized simply because he is the son of a bishop anymore than I think a pastor's son, or anyone else's son, should be penalized because of the position of his father.

To my knowledge, during the entire, almost seventy years,

history of the Church of God in Christ, I don't recall more than five bishops who are successors of their father, and these became bishop by almost the unanimous wishes of the pastors of their respective jurisdictions.

I agree that a bishop should not resort to unethical means to maneuver his son into such position. However, if his son is worthy, and has been chosen by God, he should have the integrity and the courage to respect God's anointing.

I think many of us ministers have made the tragic mistake of being overly concerned about other people and their children, while neglecting our own families. The Bible says "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord".

and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying (building up) of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. The Holy Ghost have left no doubt in my mind that God works according to this same pattern of Ephesians 4:11-14 today.

The Word of God in the Book of Romans Chapter 12:4-8 say, "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another. "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or Ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, or teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."

First Timothy give a description of Elders or bishops (pastors) and deacons. Thus the Scriptures open to us two levels or kinds of Ministry. And as we read God's Word further we learn that the Lord has placed the members in the body as it hath pleased Him. Read the 12th Chapter of I Corinthians for the order of God's Church (administration).

Every Holy Ghost filled preacher recognize that Christ is the head

of the Church. And we also recognize the role the Holy Ghost have in carrying out the administration of God's Church. The natural man will never be able to understand the things of the Spirit for they are foolish to him, and neither can be known to them, because they are spiritually discerned.

As we look at the climax and consummation of all exhortation and precedent which the Word of God gives us in the work of the ministry, we must not reject the example that Christ gives as impossible to follow, but accept it as the perfect pattern and submissively follow Him as He has commanded. St. John 20:21... As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

As God the Father has called us to the ministry of Christ, let us therefore find our place that we give no occasion for stumbling.

Let us who are Beloved of the Lord, earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

If this generation of believers-preachers and lay-preachers were as filled with the Holy Ghost as the first generation was, then this generation of ours, though it be four (4) billion strong throughout the universe, would have the gospel preached unto them.

We must realize that the ministry (Gospel of Christ) is the most important possession that a individual can have in life. Other things are earthly, this is heavenly. Other things are for time, this is for eternity. Other things are for Sin, Flesh, and Devil, but this and this alone is for eternity with God. We are thrust forth into His great

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## MOTHER BAILEY'S FINAL MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

"MOTHER BAILEY" AS SHE APPEARED ON CIVIC NIGHT DURING THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 1975

### MOTHER BAILEY'S FINAL MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

"The Need for Christian Women to overcome obstacles and triumph over defeat and discouragement through application of their spiritual faith."

Our reference scripture is found in Matthew 21:21-22, which

reads as follows: "Jesus answered and said unto them, verily I say unto you, if ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done."

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Just prior to this passage of scripture, Jesus had cursed a fig tree because it was barren-having no fruit but leaves only. As soon as Jesus said "let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever"-the fig tree withered away! When the disciples observed what we might call a miracle, they marveled saying "how soon is the fig tree withered away!" Jesus answered, "If you have faith and doubt not, ye shall not only do this

which is done to the fig tree, but also, if ye say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea it SHALL be done!

In our scripture when Jesus spoke of a mountain he suggested obstacles, difficulties and human weaknesses. At times, mountains represent obstacles. Obstacles are hindrances, obstructions, impediments or stumbling blocks which impede our spiritual progress.

There are many people who like to get things the easy way. They want to glide through life on flowery beds of ease. The fact that we are Christians does not exempt us from obstacles. Life is full of obstacles. All a person needs to do is to try and make something of himself, to attempt to accomplish something and you will encounter obstacles-

they are a part of the course. Jesus himself said, "In this world you shall, not might, BUT YOU SHALL have tribulation, but be of GOOD CHEER, I have overcome the world." John 16:13.

Obstacles may be classified in two categories:

First-The obvious obstacles. Those we recognize and discipline ourselves to handle, such as family ties, worldly allurements, earthly possessions; weights and sin.

Second-Those that are not so obvious-they are in our minds-inner obstacles such as UNBELIEF, DOUBT AND FEAR.

There are many ways to contend with mountainous obstacles-but Jesus said, "If you have faith and doubt not...ye can say unto

this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done!" FAITH! Therefore, to overcome obstacles and triumph over defeat and discouragement, Christian Women, we must expel and get rid of all DOUBT and FEAR and APPLY FAITH!

FAITH is a New Testament word. It occurs in practically every book and it is found 16 times alone in James. It occurs only twice in all the Old Testament (Deut. 32:20 Hab. 2:4). FAITH is of tremendous importance, first of all it is written Hebrews 11:6: "But WITHOUT FAITH, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD." Secondly, everything depends on it.

Faith is applied everyday in our lives. The other day as I entered the airport-before going to the

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## CHURCH ROBBERY ATTEMPT HALTED THROUGH PRAYER

Friday night was a manifestation of Gods power through the lives of Missionary Maxine Bronner and Missionary Florence Black. The Lord had been sending divine messages to the Church to let us know just where we stood with God and how powerless our lives are.

On Friday night the Lord sent a divine message from St. John 8:23-27 concerning Paul and other prisoners on board of the ship, and how the lives of the other prisoners were spared because Paul was on board the ship. The Lord told us that night that our lives would be spared because Paul was on board this ship.

During the service that night the Lord created a spiritual atmosphere for his people and over us with his very presence. Souls were saved demons were casted out and souls delivered. During the course of this revival and all others the Lord was directly speaking and let us know that we were living powerless lives and that we should seek for a refilling of the Holy Ghost. This same night the Lord proved to the Church how powerless our lives were and that he spared our lives because Paul was on board of this ship.

The Lord sent two robbers into the Church. The two masked gunman came in with a double barrel sawed off shotgun who entered into the Church and the other with a pistol who stood at the back door. This was no ordinary robbery because the Lord staged this to prove how powerless our lives really are because he had done everything else to get our attention. This lets us know that we have a form of Godliness but deny the power thereof. This also came to test the lives of Sis. Bronner and Sis. Black to see if they were willing and ready to die for the gospel sake.

As the robber with the double barrel shotgun proceeded into the Church and made his demands,

some of the saints became spellbound and others fell to the floor. Missionary Bronner was standing in front of the church and as soon as she saw the robbers immediately she begin pleading the blood of Jesus.

There is power in the Blood of Jesus. From the ministers to the lay members all were unable to render help but she continued to plead the Blood of Jesus. Her

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"MOTHER BAILEY" AS SHE APPEARED ON CIVIC OF 25th I.W.C.

## THE PAULINE USAGE OF JUSTIFICATION

by  
Martin Johnson  
Part III

To support the presuppositions of Ernst Kasemann and Werner Georg Kummel that Paul's doctrine of justification was a "fighting doctrine", we must ascertain its fighting aspects, or connotations. It is quickly seen that the fighting aspects of Paul's idea of justification was its claim to supersede and go beyond the Law. For the Jews, the Law was superlative in

content. With this Paul agreed prior to his encounter with the Christ of faith. This does not mean that Paul completely abandoned the Law; for it is very explicit that he saw the Law as having divine origin and sanction, thus it is "just and good" as has been alluded to earlier. To some there may appear to be inconsistencies, but what Paul is essentially saying is that "Christ was the end of the Law, and of law". With the Christ even the Law ceased to function as a means of salvation (Salvation seems to be the results of justification).

Why was it that the Law was powerless to save? Rudolph Bultmann feels that the Law was powerless because before faith man was not able to fulfill it. Thus, Paul is not saying that the Law was inferior qualitatively, but that "man prior to faith" is cursed by the Law when he relied on it for salvation by works. Paul continues his argument by pointing out that not only is man's efforts to merit salvation by works futile, but that he is not expected to do so (Rom. 3:20). With this position, none would more quickly disagree than a Jew. For he (the Jew) held that justification by faith and justification by works of the Law were not antithetical.

To get a true picture of the Pauline position on justification, one would do well to keep in mind that Paul had a concept of man prior to and under faith; this fact has been lightly mentioned earlier. For Paul, "pre-faith man" is he who is under the power of death while man under faith has life. Man under the power of death is one who tries to live out and control his own life while the man under faith is one whose true life comes about when he surrenders totally to the Creator. Man's complete surrender to God, the creator in faith is what moves God to "rightwise" him. It was a part of Jewish belief that justification and salvation were receipts of life. Therefore, Paul

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## the whole world



By Bishop R. L. Fidler

CONCERNED CHRISTIANS SHOULD DIRECT PERSONAL LETTERS TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO SUPPORT GOSPEL RADIO AND TELEVISION PRIVILEGES

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### 26TH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONVENTION CARRIED RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Gwendolyn Howard and Bishop J. D. Husband.

The first convention session opened with an outstanding church women, Mrs. M. McGregor Jones of Eastern Louisiana presiding. Dr. Arenia C. Mallory gave a preview of the program and was assisted during the convention by Mrs. St. Carrie Dinwiddie and Mrs. Jearlean Stewart.

Mrs. Alene Williams of Texas directed the Memorial Service.

Bishop S. M. Crouch, Evangelist Elsie Shaw and prayer warriors conducted a special consecration and healing services.

The Convention Workshop was conducted by Dr. Cora Berry of Southern California and Dr. M. McGregor Jones of Eastern Louisiana.

The conventioners received their Keynote Address from the President, Dr. Mattie McGlothen, speaking from the Convention Theme: "Our Heritage as Christian Women in America". The following persons were the Convention Speakers: Thursday May 27, Evangelist Emily Mae Bram, Brooklyn, New York, Friday, May 28, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Memphis, Tennessee. Saturday, May 29, Bishop T. T. Scott, Bishop of Northern Mississippi. Sunday May 30 climaxed the '76 session with a Mass Mission emphasis. Foreign missionaries from around the church world shared the platform. The mission message was delivered by Rev. Carlis L. Moody, President of Home and Foreign Missions for the Church of God in Christ.

The session was presided over by Dr. Mattie McGlothen, President Women's International Convention.



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PICTURE OF THE BICENTENNIAL WOMEN'S CONVENTION CHOIR



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#### ABOUT THE PASTOR

#### THIS IS OUR FOUNDER.....

Most stories of interest begin with "Once upon a time...." and ordinarily end with an abrupt...."THE END"....The story that I am about to relate to you, has neither happened once upon a time or even twice and certainly has not reached a climax or an ending. In fact, you can even venture so far as to say....."We've Only Just Begun."

Many have said that the Bishop W. L. Porter is a man that truly exhibits the faith attribute that we all need to possess. Bishop Porter strongly believes in and practices the scripture, "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21:22.

To take you from the lowly beginning to the present, I shall follow the general biographical sketch... Bishop Willie Lee Porter, was born to the happy union of Mr. and Mrs. James Porter, Senior, on June 18, 1925 at 230 Webster Place (off Third), Memphis, Tennessee. There were ten children born.

Is it hard for you to imagine children without bicycles, etc.? It is for me. Looking at the Bishop today, does make it difficult to believe that he had such a meager beginning.

Bishop Porter's childhood was generally a happy one, for in those days, we knew how to find pleasure in the simplest of circumstances. He was raised in a small frame house on Virginia Street and later moved on to Memphis Housing Authority's LeMoynes Gardens (a house project in south Memphis.)

James Porter, Senior expired in 1943 as a direct result of an erupted appendix. This unfortunate occurrence did not leave his family in any better condition.

Somehow through all the misfortune that I could here record on account of Willie Lee Porter, Bishop it comes clearly through the darkness that even in those days, he demonstrated a

tremendous amount of faith and thus became known as...."The Immovable Faith Builder". And So.....

1950-Elder Porter started his early ministry at the New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Elder Jerry Jones. He served faithfully as the Sunday School Superintendent for a number of years. His first step of FAITH in his ministry came when he joined the Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ under the dynamic efficient leadership of our now present international Bishop J. O. Patterson.

1953 Bishop Patterson went on a world tour taking Elder Porter and others along. During this long period of absenteeism from his job as a truck driver for Robinson Truck Lines, upon his return back to work we were told he was not needed anymore. Being a single man and saved, these words did not discourage him. He has always been an aggressive young man never swaying doubtful in whatever he has made up his mind to accomplish. He began to work part-time as a salesman for Fuller Products and other various auto dealers selling more than full time workers. Elder Porter's undying and unfeigned FAITH in God kept his livelihood going. Serving faithfully and working whole-hearted besides his pastor and Bishop, Bishop J. O. Patterson. He began to work also with Bishop L. H. Ford in the Public Relations Department for the Church of God in Christ International as his assistant, and is at present time serving as Director Internationally in this department.

1954-He met and married one of the Church of God in Christ most anointed well known Gospel Singers, Miss Ida Madie Flagg, better known to all as "Madie". A lovely young lady who never changes and known as "Miss Personality" that can not be challenged.

1955-Lexington, Tennessee. He was appointed to his first church. He remained there for one year.

1956

1957-Trenton, Tenn. He was appointed to his second church. This year 1957 God increased their family life with a beautiful daughter Vivian Renita who is a very faith choir member and shows great potentiality for becoming a great song bird and choir directress.

1957-Clarksville, Tenn. Greater Faith Temple Church of God in Christ. Elder Porter accepted this church with great inspiration after gaining experiences from his past churches, he was inspired to do a bigger and better work for God. God once again made their hearts rejoice when Brandon Burdett known as "BB" was born. A very handsome young and a very faithful member and drummer for the church. Greater Faith Temple was made from "Nothing" to something and today that congregation can boast in God for a beautiful edifice to worship the Lord in While pastoring Greater Faith Church, he also took on the pastoral for the Greater Allen Avenue Church in 1969.

1969-Jackson, Tenn. Greater Allen Avenue. He is presently serving as pastor along with the Greater Community Church. Allen Avenue Church of God in Christ is another memorial statue for Elder Porter to be Godly proud of. God blessed him to remodel and beautify this church with a lovely sanctuary for the Lords' people to glorify God in.

1972-February 20, 1972, was the very beginning of a dream and vision and the exercising of faith in God, by the Bishop W. L. Porter, for a community involved church, offering services to the individual temperal and spiritual needs of the people of the community. In June of the year, 1971, Bishop W. L. Porter entered into an agreement to purchase the former Seventh Street Baptist Church, then located at Dunlap and Chelsea. He submitted a meager \$1,000.00, which was used as earnest money, on the church and then sought to retire the remaining dept of \$212,000.00 by securing a loan of the entire amount of the 1st (first) mortgage. The results--Unsuccessful. One year later, June 1, 1972 God granted Bishop Porter a miracle in the form of a cashier's check that paid off the indebtiness. The total amount received was \$178,567.50. Fours years later, Greater Community Temple is a viable institution in the heart of the North Memphis, community. The church itself employs thirty-seven (37) people with annual salaries of \$106,104.26.

#### QUOTING FROM THE LIVING BIBLE THE 30TH PSALMS 2, 3, 4, 11, 12 VERSES.

Oh Lord my God I pleaded with you and you gave me my health again. You brought me back from the brink of the grave, from death itself, and here I am alive. Then he turned my sorrow into joy' He took away my clothes of mourning and gave me



## COGIC SCHOOL IN BARBADOS

Elder Norman N. Quick of New York City, serving as a Special Commissioner for the Mission Department, to Barbados West Indies found during a recent trip to that country that the level of literacy in the small country is among the highest in the world. Helping to achieve such an accomplishment is Mrs. Rose Edwards and Evangelist F. Burke, operating the COGIC School in Barbados.

The school has some ninety children enrolled. They are however continually in need of financial support. Anyone wishing to support this outstanding effort should send all donations to the Mission Department Memphis, Tenn.

(Marked allocated to the Barbados school.) Monthly pledges are greatly appreciated.

Elder Quick reports that the ten churches in Barbados are doing a great work and he made an official interim report to the Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson and President C. Moody of the Mission Department to the effect. Rev. Quick along with Bishop F. D. Washington is planning a Barbados Crusade August 17-24, 1976 expecting many of the saints to travel along, combing a vacation and a work for the Lord in the beautiful West Indies Island of Barbados. Those interested in the trip should contact Elder Quick at, 1763 Amsterdam Ave. New York, New York 10031.

## A MIRACLE TESTIMONY

gay and festive garments to rejoice in so that I might sing glad praises to the Lord instead of lying silent in the grave. Oh Lord, God, I will keep on thanking You forever.

Holy Greetings to the saints of God everywhere,

I, Sis. Rose Wilson, want to make this testimony to the the glory of God. Because God has been so good to me. For 6 or 7 years I could't lay on my right side; I suffered with those varicose veins, and I would have cramping attacks so badly that if I had one 15 or 20 minutes. It left me weak as if I had a spell of sickness. Sometimes I would suffer all night but God came to me in my sleep October 7th, 1970 and touched my body greatly and healed me of those cramps attacks. Thank God! In 1971, I took deathly sick, I had to be rushed to the Hospital, I was taken through the emergency department, doctors said that I had to be rushed to the operating room, there I had two major operations in one. They operated on me for a hernia, and when they had opened me up they found my appendix black, torned apart, and the doctor said that one part was hung up in the hernia, and the other part was somewhere else in my body. One of the nurses said, that they had several cases of the sort, with the exception of the appendix condition and I mended faster than either of them. So you know it had to be God that brought me through. After the operation, I fell face forward on

the pavement, and Oh what a trouble sound, but God didn't let my glasses break on my face, and stick in my eyes, neither did the side on which I was operated bother me. But later on, my head felt like I had a brain concussion, stroke or something. I prayed and asked God, please don't let it be so, and anointed my head with blessed oil, and the Lord delivered me and I don't even know just when that feeling left.

In 1974, my God touched me again: I was all swollen, filled with fluid so much that there were two hospital attendants who said that I was about to burst, but my sister and her husband were here from Cleveland, Mississippi visiting my home, laid hands on me and prayed for me, and the Lord just started draining me down that very evening, the next morning there was 9 o'clock prayer upstairs at the home of Mother Burvin Frances, better known as Mother Huges. My brother-in-law and Sister and Mother Frances Burvin prayed again; he touched me again. Oh Praise His Holy name. After that I fell down the church steps, and seemingly that my leg wanted to decay off: it set up infection, and started breaking out with white pimples, on other parts of my leg, and my feet and legs would itch. I kept my legs and feet anointed with blessed oil; and today I'm doing fine. Bless be God's name.

Maybe this will help someone, that's waiting on their healing.

Reporter Rose Wilson



# Church News

## CHURCH NEWS:

2-3 Years before our church building begun, the Lord spoke to our pastor Supt. W. L. Harris, and told him that he would give him hands that he didn't have, and let him hear the saw cutting and the hammers ranging; and in 68, God spoke to him and told him that this is the year:

Having a listening ear to God's voice, He made the first step on Feb. 11, 1968, we held groundbreaking services, from that the hole was dug. (Starting in the basement) and on and on, the church went up: sure enough, God gave him hands and feet that he didn't have.

There were men coming off the street, giving \$10.00 - \$20.00 and etc. and some talented men, Brick Masons, Cement Layers, & Cement finishers, etc., came and gave their time laboring, helping our pastor, for God said unto him, take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: Be strong, and do it. I Chron. 28:10; So Supt. Harris did just that: He was like Jeremiah, I'm doing a good work, and I won't come down.

We paid cash as we build. And on completion of the church in the year of 1970, the church was paid for. We didn't have the mortgage on us to pay that we would have had, had we not paid cash as we went along, our furniture and everything is paid for and we know there were nothing but a God, that the Church went up, furnished off, and everything paid for.

We held our dedication service on February the 28th 1971 - marched in the church that Sunday with one soul followed out of the street and marched right in the church with us, and He's been with us every since. Now He's one of our ushers.

We praise God we have \$150,000, Beautiful Edifice. No note, or the mortgage hanging over our head.

I'd like to take time out, and tell the saints of God everywhere, what you need God Got It: He Got Everything You Need.

Reporter Rose Wilson

## TO CONCERNED ONES

It is the desire of the Presiding Bishop, J. O. Patterson, that all pastors, ministers and missionaries, everywhere in the brotherhood, pay our tithes, and help to support national headquarters with our tithes. Let us also help our Presiding Bishop, J. O. Patterson, fulfill his dream that he has for this great Church of God in Christ. Please pay your tithes.

This letter comes from the Pastor of the Pentecost Church of God in Christ, 3244 North Green Bay Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Elder Richard A. Bush  
"May God Bless That You Prosper in Your Work"

## INDIANOLA, MISSISSIPPI

Holy Greetings to the saints of God in Christ everywhere from the Truevine Church of God in Christ, Indianola, Mississippi.

I was sick for so long, and unable to get in and out of Bed. My legs were stiff and I was unable to move without the help of someone else. I didn't have enough blood to live much longer. The Doctor put me in a hospital for a blood transfusion and I was not able to take it. I know the Lord is able, because now I have plenty of blood.

One day I was thinking how good the Lord was to me and He gave me blood, enough to give someone else. Now I am doing fine. I have so much to thank God for.

I had a stroke one year, my pastor and wife prayed for me and after prayer I got up and walked that same night. I know what prayer can do, because I am a living witness, how he save, baptize and fill with the Holy Ghost, and that's not all. He healed my body so I could praise Him. I thank God for being my healer, my friend and doctor.

I thank God for my pastor and wife, how they have been such a blessing and how they blessed me. Now I can run where I use to walk, I can sit up where I use to lie down. I am truly thankful. Who am I? I am your sister, I am the one who the Lord healed; I am sister Alice Bell Wilson, 905 Linbar, Indianola, Miss. My pastor's address is 510 Cox St., Indianola, Mississippi.

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## THE PAULINE USAGE OF JUSTIFICATION

seems to tie in very well to the stream of Jewish thought.

But the manner in which Paul understood this "rightwising" by God reflects a basic contrast between him and traditional Judaism. For in Paul's usage is clearly seen a new view of the creature's existence before the Creator. Paul sees righteousness as justification by God based only on man's faith in Him. Therefore, righteousness is the pre-condition for salvation in the sense that God has to declare the sinner righteous before he can receive salvation or life (Rom. 1:17). The basic message of Romans 1:17 is that God has, in fact, acted in history through and in the person of Jesus Christ. To Paul, this was God's revelation of His righteousness, and is thus reflected in two basic ways: in the Gospel as proclamation, and in those who fully believe in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ as exaltation.

Thus Paul speaks on the basis of his own personal experience with God and His Son. An experience which had transformed his life had thus become Paul's point of departure for the explication of the truth of the redemptive work of God in Christ. The Jews had held that for one to acquire salvation from God meant only keeping the Law, but Paul's conversion experience made it clear that this was a false illusion. For with all moral and

legalistic striving, they still were not justified before God.

In Paul's letter to II Corinthians, chapter five, verse 19, the idea of reconciliation is raised. As was pointed out earlier in this article, reconciliation is one of the terms used by Paul with the fact of all peoples' alienation from God. In mind, "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself..." At this point on Paul's highway of salvation, he seems to halt us only to tell us (the sinner) that we must overcome another predicament before we can receive salvation from God. This is the point at which he informs the sinner that he is separated and estranged from God, and thus he must be reconciled. It is rather amazing to note that God took the initiative to do for man what he could not do for himself in that while man was still "enemies", God did the work in Christ (Rom. 5:10).

In a true sense, Paul seems to use the word reconciliation in conjunction with the idea of justification (Romans 5:8; II Corinthians 5:17-21). These scriptures clearly state the manner in which God allowed His Son to become "sin" for us that we through him might be declared the "righteousness of God".

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## MOTHER BAILEY'S FINAL MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

terminal I had to go through glass doors. There were no handles or knobs on the door, there was no sign stating "push"-but as I approached the doors I kept walking and believing that when I got close enough something would happen. When I reached a certain point-the doors did open and I walked through.

Christian Women, we cannot apply Spiritual Faith unless we have it There cannot be any doubt whatsoever in our minds. The amount of faith is not too important-for Jesus said if you have the faith as a GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED - the mountains or obstacles in our lives SHALL be removed.

What is FAITH? Hebrews 11:1: "Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The Wymouth translation says faith is "A well-grounded assurance of that for which we hope, and a conviction of the reality of things which we do not see." In plain and simple terms, it is BELIEVING WHAT GOD HAS SAID. Faith involves more than believing IN GOD, it is BELIEVING GOD! TAKING HIM AT HIS WORD! BELIEVING NOT SOME THINGS-BUT EVERYTHING HE SAYS!

Where does faith come from? The Bible states: "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). The Christian Woman whose faith is weak is a woman who has been neglecting God's Word. For the

application of our Spiritual Faith is based on the complete Word of God. The entire life course of Christian Women is actually governed by the application of their of their Spiritual Faith. Faith is the fruitage of God's Spirit. It enables one to overcome the mountain-like obstacles and triumph over defeat and discouragement that would hinder our service to God. Faith is STRENGTH. It is the STRENGTH and POWER of GOD WORKING IN HIS PEOPLE!

The question is now asked-"FAITH IN WHAT?" The answer is: FAITH IN THE PROMISES OF GOD!

When I think of Women of God who applied their Spiritual Faith and there are many, my mind goes back to Jochebed, the mother of Moses. Although her name was not mentioned, but her act of faith was cited in the heros of faith. Hebrews 11:23 states "BY FAITH, Moses when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, BECAUSE they saw he was a proper child; and THEY WERE NOT AFRAID of the King's commandment." YES, IT WAS BY FAITH, and not by fear! Her claim to fame was not that she gave birth to the baby Moses, but her claim to immortal favor and fame was her FAITH, A FAITH THAT KNEW NO DEFEAT, A FAITH THAT WOULD NOT TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER, A FAITH THAT CONQUERED THE GREATEST OBSTACLES, A FAITH WHICH STANDS AS AN ETERNAL EXAMPLE OF VICTORIOUS TRUST IN GOD!

BY FAITH-25 years ago, when the International Women's Convention was born, the late Mother Lillian Coffey and others saw that it was a PROPER child, decided to apply their Spiritual Faith and trust God! We encountered many obstacles, the way at times was dark, we became discouraged-BUT THROUGH IT ALL-GOD, NOBODY BUT GOD, HAS GIVEN US THE VICTORY AND TODAY WE ARE ENJOYING THE REWARD OF FAITH!

Women of God, it may seem at times the Red Sea is before you, the Egyptians are behind you and on each side there are mountains and you feel you have reached an impasse-BY FAITH-we must keep moving toward God and a way will be made! That which we think is IMPOSSIBLE and IMPASSABLE-through the application of our Spiritual Faith, GOD will MAKE A HIGHWAY out of it and guide us along to victory.

God wants us to have a FAITH THAT WORKS-A WORKING FAITH. When Faith is applied, it becomes contagious in that others are affected by its results.

Obstacles must come. If analyzed properly and taken rightly through the application of our Spiritual Faith our stumbling blocks will become STEPPING STONES TO HIGHER GROUNDS!

It is one thing to be a Christian and another to be an

OVERCOMING ONE! To overcome means not only triumph and victory but it also means a struggle and a battle. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH.

It is water in the natural realm which removes mountains, but it is FAITH which REMOVES MOUNTAINS IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM. Daily applications of our spiritual faith and by growing in grace we too can say to THIS MOUNTAIN, BE THOU REMOVED!

Women of God we must ever be ready to GRASP a STRAW of FAITH here, a BRANCH of HOPE there, and a tree of LOVE to COVER IT ALL FOR:

Doubt sees the obstacles,  
FAITH sees the way;

Doubt sees the darkest night,  
FAITH sees the day;

Doubt dreads to take a step,  
FAITH soars on high;

Doubt questions: "Who Believe?"  
FAITH answers I!

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## CHURCH ROBBERY ATTEMPT HALTED THROUGH PRAYER

co-worker Missionary Black was also in front of the church in her wheelchair binding the devil and pleading the Blood of Jesus. The gunman tried to make her shut up pleading the blood of Jesus but she continued anyway. There is power in the Blood of Jesus. The devil became subject and was unable to complete his mission. Because of the power in the blood of Jesus the devil was unable to get the victory. The devil trembled at the very words of the blood of Jesus.

The robbery was a sign and a warning to the church and the scripture said in Mark 16: 15-18 these signs shall follow them that believe. This is the testing time for the church because the Lord is soon to come. Just as the robbers entered the church unwarnedly the Lord said that

this is a sign to all believers that he is coming as a thief and a robber by night and we all must be ready to meet the Lord to all who read or hear of this sign it is God's warning to be ready to meet him.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL (WHO'S CALLED TO PREACH)

by  
Elder John Thompson  
Wichita Kansas

harvest field and we must go forth with a firm conviction that He goes before us. Therefore let us not be children tossed to and fro by very wind of doctrine, but let us heed the command of the Savior and go with the gospel message of salvation to a dying world; let us not say their are six months until the harvest, but look out on the fields for they are already ripe.

Elder John F. Thompson,  
Tabernacle COGIC  
Wichita, Kansas 67214



# PICTORIAL ON WEDDING RECEPTION OF BISHOP BAILEY & WIFE



BISHOP BAILEY &amp; FAMILY



THE HOSTESSES

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## BISHOP JOHN SETH BAILEY WEDS

people from almost every walk of life, dressed in their most expensive garbs, attended this reception.

The actual wedding was a small quiet ceremony attended by just a few friends and officials of the state staff of the Jurisdiction Bishop Bailey presides over. Standing as His best man was His State Chairman, Elder W. L. Harris.

Sister Iner Bailey is a long time church worker. She has served in various capacities and has been a dedicated Christian servant for many years. She is highly esteemed by all who know her and has always shown a steadfast love for the work of the church. The Whole Truth Staff congratulates Bishop Bailey, in his fine choice of a mate.



MISS HARRIS, BISHOP BAILEY, SUPT, R. L. JONES, MRS. BAILEY, DR. YOUNG



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### DEDICATED TO SUPERINTENDENT AND SISTER GILHAM

Our Superintendent has given more than fifty years of sincere, dedicated service to the Church of God in Christ, Inc. Elder D. D. Gilham joined the church in 1925 and was ordained in September 1927. He has served as pastor of several churches throughout the State of Georgia, some of which were: The Sims Street Church, Monroe Street Church, Albany, Georgia, Cartersville, Cedartown, and 4th Avenue Church in Didalia, Georgia, and presently pastor at Holy Temple Church, Atlanta Georgia.

Under the leadership of the late Bishop Ridley F. Williams, Superintendent Gilham served on the State Executive Committee and was Superintendent of the Columbus and Cordele, Georgia Districts.

Presently he serves as the 1st Administrative Assistant to Bishop J. Howard Dell and the Superintendent of the South Atlanta District.

He has attended more than twenty National Conventions in Memphis, Tennessee, and served on several National Committees including the following: Resolutions Committee, Finance Committee; Judicial Committee.

The B. F. Lee Theological Seminary, Jackson, Florida conferred upon Superintendent Gilham the Degree Doctor of Divinity on March 20, 1976.

Superintendent and Sister Gilham celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary in February 1973 in which all of their sons and their families were present.

Sister Gilham is the President of the Minister Wives' Circle for the

North Georgia Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.

She is a member of the National Ministers Wives' Circle, the National Women's Auxiliary of the Church of God in Christ and is a member of the National Committee on Constitution for the Church of God in Christ, Inc. She has been a delegate to the Women's Convention in San Antonio, Texas; New Orleans, Louisiana; Cleveland, Ohio; Washington; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Miami, Florida; and is a delegate to the 1975 Women's Convention in San Francisco, California.

Superintendent and Sister Gilham have four sons, one adopted son, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The sons include: Dawson Gilham, President, Dawson Gilham Realty Company, Washington, D.C.; Timothy Gilham, Equal Employment Specialist, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Atlanta, Georgia; Titus Gilham, (former) Teacher of Music and Director of Band, Saint Industrial College, Lexington, Mississippi; Nathaniel L. Gilham, Biochemist, Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; Otis Fowler, U.S. Postal Service, New York, New York.

Superintendent and Sister Gilham were invited by the President of the United States to Washington to attend the Presidential Inauguration in 1972.

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### BISHOP S. S. M. MAIMELA BOTSWANA, SOUTHERN AFRICA

To the saints everywhere:

Greetings in Jesus name to the saints everywhere from the Church of God in Christ in Botswana, Southern Africa. God is yet blessing us naturally and spiritually. Many are experiencing great spiritual blessings from the Lord.

The first Mission Conference of COGIC was held in Francistown, Botswana on April 15th - 18th, 1976. Many delegates from various parts of Botswana came to witness for Christ on this great occasion.

Opening the Conference, Bishop S.S.M. Maimela called upon the saints to dedicate/sacrifice their lives to the Church work in Africa. He said: brave men and women would never receive the praise and acclaim due to them because of those sent by the devil to retard the progress of the Church. He strongly recommended that the Mission Conference was a programme of economic developments designed to mobilize the vast economic resources of the Church which will financially benefit the saints.

Each day and night was filled with inspirational prayers, training, Workshop series, singing, exhortations and sermons. It was indeed an Historic Conference of its kind in the History of COGIC in this country. At the end of the Conference, Bishop Maimela called upon delegates to elect the Executive Committee to administer the Department of Missions in Botswana; and the following Brothers and Sisters were elected to serve the Lord as follows:

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We therefore, appeal to the saints everywhere to pray for the success of the work before the return of the Master.

Reporter: Elder I. B. Ndubiwa  
General Secretary, COGIC

### AN APPEAL: "WHAT HAS HAWAII MEANT TO YOU"?

Holy Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ from the Paradise Islands of Hawaii, where we are under the wise spiritual teachings of Bishop W. H. Reed of Hawaii Jurisdiction No. 2.

To the saints that were formerly members of New Era Community C.O.G.I.C., Garden of Prayer, and St. Paul C.O.G.I.C., we are making an urgent appeal to you. We ask that you send your Testimony of "What Hawaii Has Meant To Me", along with a recent photo and a donation to: Sis. Alice F. Jones, 1310 West 83rd St. No. 1, Los Angeles, California 90044, who is the editor of the book,

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The State Convocation will be terminated with a Testimony Dinner at the Pagoda Inn in Honolulu. Our Convocation begins August 2, 1976. We would enjoy your testimony in person also!

Please don't delay. Deadlines for all testimonies are June 15, 1976. God Bless.

Bishop W. H. Reed, Pastor  
Sis. H. Minter, Reporter

### MONROVIA LIBERIA WEST, AFRICA

Dear Brethren, Saints, Bishops, and Co-workers. May the Lord bless all of you in the field, however I am one of Pentecostal Preachers who has his call in the year 1958 by speaking in tongues in Ghana (Accra) West Africa.

Again when the Lord teaching through his spirit, I was with one Senior Pastor, Elder Bernard Mesah, at Accra. He has been on the field about 25 years, even some of the brethren were with us, those who invited the big team of Billy Graham in the year 1963, to Ghana Accra with one of the well known clergyman. During that period in the year 1961 we had one of your faithful Evangelist from your Headquarters-California, Evangelist Epton and she stayed with us for a while and left my pastor to U.S.A., later on we heard she passed off the world.

Later on I had my preaching licensed from Phoenix, Arizona as Pentecostal preacher and I was ordained in Baltimore. Again I could see that you have plans to do something better in Africa that is because you have sent so many saints such as, Lucy Carpenter, and Bishop Goldsberry of Chicago. However I know you know many of the Christian workers are with you and you have fell upon thorns previously, But I must ask you to pray to get good hands to assist, because many of Africa Christians are not faithful. They say with their mouth, but not in their hearts. Many are called, but few are chosen. I am telling you what I have witnessed. I have preached in many parts of West Africa, Nigeria, Monrovia, Sierraleone, Abijan, Bo, Kenema, Senegul, U.S.A. - Indiana, Michigan, Washington, St. Louis, Kansas City, Mac Allen, Texas, and other parts. I know you have sent some saints, many preachers, act - as Jesus Christ and hunters of money, cheating defrauding, They do not fear God." Matt. 7:15-22, Hosea 4: 1-13, Micah 3: 10-11 and Eph. 6: 10-13. However we have plan to come around the U.S.A., but unless we get your reply again, the Lord can come at any unexpected place. We are expecting many Christians, some only walk with people where they can get materials, not truthfulness. Jer. 9: 4-7

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